

July 13, 2010

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 21, 2010
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As determined at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies are not allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view is always a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
July 21, 2010**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. Information.
<p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.</p>	
4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.
<p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).</p>	

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. <u>Approval of the April 21, 2010, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the April 21, 2010, meeting minutes.
*4B. <u>American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Status Report</u>	4B. Information and discussion.
<p>A Status Report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds dedicated to transportation projects in the MAG region details the status of project development. The report</p>	

covers highway, local, transit, and enhancement projects programmed with ARRA funds and the status of project development milestones per project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***4C. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program**

The Fiscal Year 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there has been a request from Phoenix to add a new transit project. This transit project received federal discretionary funds and needs to be programmed in the TIP. On July 1, 2010, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval. Since the recommendation, the Arizona Department of Transportation has requested to add a new embankment project on SR-87. This item is on the July 14, 2010, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***4D. L101 High Occupancy Vehicle Lane Budget Increase**

The L101 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Design - Build project budget is \$138.5 million. This project will complete the HOV lane construction from Tatum Boulevard to I-10 in the West Valley. ADOT has recommended that the proposed project budget be increased by \$9.0 million to include the realignment of the freeway in the vicinity of the Maryland Overpass as part of the design - build project in order to accommodate planned direct access ramps in the future. The initial plan for the Maryland Overpass included direct connection ramps to provide access to a nearby park-and-ride lot and the Westgate/University of Phoenix stadium complex. After reviewing the program cash flow, MAG staff recommends the project budget be increased by \$9.0 million to \$147.5 million. A modification to

4C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update.

4D. Recommend approval that the L101 HOV project budget be increased by \$9.0 million, that the project include the proposed realignment of the freeway in the vicinity of Maryland Avenue, that the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be modified, and that the Maryland Avenue Overpass Ramps be included as an illustrative project in the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program will be needed. In addition, the City of Glendale has requested that the Maryland Overpass Ramps be included in the Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update as an illustrative project. The Draft RTP 2010 Update is scheduled for approval by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010. On July 1, 2010, the Transportation Review Committee voted to recommend approval. This item is on the July 14, 2010, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***4E. Draft Fiscal Year 2011 Arterial Life Cycle Program**

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identified 94 arterial street projects to receive funding from the regional sales tax extension and from MAG Federal Funds. The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) provides information for each project spanning a 20-year life cycle. Information contained in the ALCP includes project location, regional funding, fiscal year (FY) for work, type of work, status of project and the Lead Agency. As part of the ALCP process, Lead Agencies update project information annually, at a minimum. MAG staff has programmed the Draft FY 2011 ALCP based on the information provided by Lead Agencies and from projected revenue streams of the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), MAG Surface Transportation Program (STP-MAG) funds, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. Please refer to the enclosed material for a memorandum, a list of project changes, and the Draft FY 2011 Arterial Life Cycle Program. An electronic copy of the Draft FY 2011 ALCP also is available for download from the MAG website. On July 1, 2010, the Transportation Review Committee voted to recommend approval. This item is on the July 14, 2010, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee.

4E. Recommend approval of the Draft fiscal year (FY) 2011 Arterial Life Cycle Program contingent on a finding of conformity of the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update with applicable air quality plans.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5A. FY 2010 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity

MAG has conducted a public involvement process on transportation plans and programs in May and June for the Final Phase public input opportunity. Included in this process were a variety of special events, small group presentations, e-mail, telephone and Web site correspondence. The process also included a transportation public hearing hosted by MAG with representatives from Arizona Department of Transportation, Citizen's Transportation Oversight Committee, Valley Metro, METRO and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department in attendance. Agenda items included the draft project listing for the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program; Draft 2010 Update of the Regional Transportation Plan; and 2010 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. A court reporter was in attendance to record public comments verbatim. All comments made at the hearing were provided a formal response from staff. The responses to comments are included in the Final Phase Public Input Opportunity Report. This item is on the July 14, 2010, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update

The Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update is a comprehensive, performance based, multimodal and coordinated plan, identifying transportation improvements in the region over the next 20 years. The Draft RTP 2010 Update extends through FY 2031 and includes regional plans for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and public transit, as well as information on plans for other transportation modes and programs in the region. In addition, the plan addresses topics such as revenue estimates, consultation on environmental mitigation and resource conservation, transportation security and

5A. Recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2010 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity Report.

5B. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update, contingent on a finding of conformity of the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and RTP 2010 Update with applicable air quality plans.

safety, and congestion management. The Draft 2010 Update was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 28, 2010. A technical air quality conformity analysis was performed on the RTP and concluded that the Plan meets all air quality conformity requirements. On June 21, 2010, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft RTP 2010 Update, the Draft FY 2011-2015 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Comments from the public hearing are covered under Agenda Item #5A. On July 1, 2010, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft RTP 2010 Update. This item is on the July 14, 2010, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. An Executive Summary of the Draft RTP 2010 Update is enclosed. The full Draft RTP 2010 Update may be viewed on the MAG website. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Approval of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) reports on all projects programmed with federal funds and on all regionally significant projects that are funded with Federal and non-federal funds. All regionally significant transportation projects, including local, regional, and private funded projects are included in the Draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis (AQCA) requirements. The Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP was approved by Regional Council in April 2010 to undergo AQCA, which is now complete. A public hearing that discussed the AQCA, the Draft 2011-2015 MAG TIP and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update was held on June 21, 2010. On July 1, 2010, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP. This item is on the July 14, 2010, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), contingent on a finding of conformity of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update with applicable air quality plans and that the programming of transit preventive maintenance be reviewed for potential amendments/modifications no later than December 2010.

6. Use of Public Private Partnerships in the MAG Region

New legislation was passed last year that substantially improves the utility of using public private partnerships (PPP) for transportation in Arizona. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is in the process of developing policies and procedures to guide the implementation of the PPP program in Arizona. ADOT is looking to MAG for guidance in how the new PPP program could be used to make improvements to and to manage the regional transportation system. A overview presentation on why PPP's are being explored, how PPP's have been used in other states and regions, and examples of the type of projects in Arizona that may be candidates for PPP consideration. Future meetings will include presentations on specific topics related to PPP projects such as the public policy considerations, governance, congestion management, and using PPP's to leverage other transportation investments.

7. Loss of the Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF)

During the 2010 legislative session, the Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF) was removed from state law with the funding diverted to the state's general fund. Arizona is now one of five states without a state-level funding source for transit. Statewide, the LTAF repeal represents about \$32.2 million of transit funding. In the MAG region, the loss represents a loss of about \$22.0 million which, in addition to the decline in local and Proposition 400 revenues, has resulted in substantial reductions in transit service statewide. Discussions are being held around the state to explore alternative funding sources that could be proposed to replace the loss of LTAF funding.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Transportation Policy Committee would like to have considered

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend that MAG support efforts to pursue alternative state funding sources for transit services.

8. Information and discussion.

for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Transportation Policy Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Transportation Policy Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

9. Information.